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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Parris *et al.*
Serial No. : 09/771,383
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Title : METHODS FOR IDENTIFYING AN AGENT THAT INTERACTS WITH AN
ACTIVE SITE OF ACYL CARRIER PROTEIN SYNTHASE OR ACYL
CARRIER PROTEIN SYNTHASE COMPLEX

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Examiner : Cheyne D. Ly

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REPLY TO ACTION OF MARCH 2, 2004

In reply to the Office action of March 2, 2004, Applicants request consideration of the following comments.

Claims 15-17, 19-21 and 35-84 are pending. The Examiner rejected these claims under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, for lack of enablement.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the courtesy extended by Examiners Ly and Marschel in participating in a telephone interview of August 25, 2004, with Applicants' representatives, Sean Daley and Allyson Hatton. During the interview, Applicants' representatives discussed the differences between resolution and root mean square deviation as they relate to the general field of protein crystallography. The Examiners raised a concern regarding the lack of error measurements reflected in the data tables in the specification (referring to Figures 1, 1A-1 to 1A-107, 2, and 2A-1 to 2A-19). No agreement was reached regarding the rejection.

At page 3, paragraph 8 of the Office Action, the Examiner stated:

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